

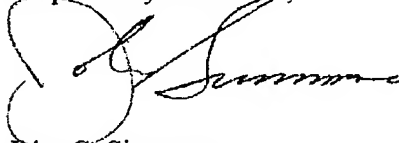
Fig. 4E illustrates one simple embodiment of an ejection means showing an optionally spring-loaded plug, 408, both for damping and to provide power for the subsequent rotation, 409, of the plug with captured Sabot.

Also, per our discussion today I have amended claims 12 and 16 to make them acceptable. I have also amended claim 14 (it is now much less verbose) as submitted below in the revised list of claims.

I have also added the appropriate "Replacement Sheets" heading on the attached resubmitted Figures 4a – 4e. In the process of that change I noticed two number labeling errors and corrected them. That is, on Fig. 4C I relabeled 408 to 407 (identifying the effluent escape channels as described in the specification change above) and on Fig. 4D I changed 408 to 402 (to correctly identify the barrel as described in the specification change above and to agree with the other figures).

A complete listing of the claims is attached. In claim 12 there were 2 very minor corrections I made beyond those discussed. I deleted the redundant and potentially indefinite "or piston" and changed the tense from "having" to "has".

Respectfully submitted,



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